

# Newsmakers

► Items of interest **about** and **for members** of our Angus family

## ► IN THE NEWS

**Janelle Deatsman**, Warsaw, Ind., is one of 24 men and women selected to participate in the 10th class of the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program (ALP), sponsored by the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Institute Inc. During the two-year program, ALP class members will attend 12 seminars in Indiana; travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with national leaders; and spend 10-14 days in a foreign country studying international issues.

Deatsman is active in the Indiana Angus Association, the Indiana Beef Cattle Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

**Roger Kahn**, Kahn Cattle Co. LLC, Rydal, Ga., is running for Congress in Georgia's 11th Congressional District.

## ► IN PASSING

**Anthony "Tony" Burke**, 58, of Austin, Minn., died Feb. 2, at his home.

Burke was born June 4, 1943, in Blooming Prairie, Minn. He married Jean Leth in Rochester, Minn., on May 17, 1969.

Burke was a livestock buyer for the George A. Hormel company for 32 years. He was a breeder of registered Angus cattle for nearly 50 years. He judged countless county and regional livestock shows, as well as the Minnesota State Fair and the National Barrow Show.

He was a partner with his twin brother, Tom, of Platte City, Mo., in the Burke Bros. farming operation located near Blooming Prairie, Minn.

Burke is survived by his wife; four daughters: Ann Burke, Maggie Mathew, Jackie Bosch and Rose Burke; a son, Daniel; a brother, Tom; and two sisters, Mary Kaehler and Patricia Burke.

## ► INDUSTRY EXTRAS

**Paul Defoor** is the new superintendent of the New Mexico State University (NMSU)

Clayton Livestock Research Center. Defoor will also serve as an assistant professor in NMSU's department of animal and range sciences.

**Genex Cooperative Inc.**, Shawano, Wis., announces the purchase of the assets of Sire Management Services (SMS) of Elko, Ga. Genex has opened a custom collection facility at Fort Payne, Ala., that will be known as Genex Custom Collection Services Alabama. The SMS facility at Elko has been closed, and all of the semen processing equipment, office equipment and storage tanks have been moved to the Alabama facility.

Bulls that were being collected at the Elko facility have also been moved to either Alabama or Baton Rouge, La. Plans are to use the SMS equipment and programs as a base for the new Alabama operation.

The Alabama facility will be a full-service, custom-collection operation, including semen collection, bull housing, semen storage and international shipping. The Added Attractions Program will be available through Genex Custom Collection Alabama. This program provides a market outlet for semen from custom-collected bulls at Genex facilities. The bulls are listed on the Cooperative Resources International (CRI) Web site at [www.crinet.com](http://www.crinet.com).

For more information contact Alfred Kuck at (715) 526-7553 or e-mail him at [akuck@crinet.com](mailto:akuck@crinet.com). For information on custom collection at the Alabama facility call (256) 845-2530. Jill McConnell, on-site production supervisor, can be reached by e-mail at [jmcconnell@crinet.com](mailto:jmcconnell@crinet.com). Bobby Fair, manager at Baton Rouge, will also serve as manager for this new facility.

**Alta Genetics Inc.**, Balzac, Alberta, Canada, and **Genex Cooperative** announce the agreement in principle for the sale of the Alta Beef Program to Genex Cooperative.

Alta Beef has been a producer and marketer of artificial insemination and genetic improvement products for the beef cattle industry for more than 30 years. Alta has made the decision to focus its efforts on dairy marketing and related programs. It will continue with its custom collection programs based out of its Balzac facility.

Genex Cooperative is a farmer-owned cooperative and a subsidiary of CRI, a holding cooperative. Genex has been in artificial insemination programs through its predecessor organizations since 1942 and is the second-largest AI organization in the United States.

For more information, please contact William Altenburg, Alta genetics beef program manager at (970) 568-7881 or

## ► Kentucky Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Louisville, March 1



► **Norma** (left) and **Gordon Conner**, Buffalo, were honored with a lifetime achievement award.

► The family of **Stewart Moss**, Lancaster, was recognized as the Herdsman of the Year. Pictured are (from left) **Charlotte Moss**, **Stewart Moss** and **Lauren Moss**.



► Elected to the Kentucky Angus Ass'n board of directors are (seated, from left) **Wendell Bruce**, Lawrenceburg, director; **Briggs Cunningham**, Lancaster, director; **Glenn Hawkins**, Magnolia, vice president; **Charles Boyd**, Mays Lick, president; **Lisa Hawkins**, Magnolia, secretary-treasurer; and **Bob Campbell**, Springfield, past president. Directors are (standing, from left) **J.M. Shelley**, Columbia; **Joe Burton**, Faubush; **Henry Smith**, Russell Springs; **Danny Lynn**, Springfield; **Charles Brost**, Harrodsburg; **Kevin Gallagher**, Union; **Todd Jeffries**, Canmer; **Ashley Moss**, Nicholasville; and **John McDonald**, Mount Sterling.

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**▶ Louisiana Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Lecompte, March 8**



▶ Officers of the Louisiana Angus Ass'n are (seated, from left) **Carroll Boudreaux**, New Iberia, president; **Brian Kennedy**, Monterey, vice president; **Mike Rome**, Tallulah, secretary; and **Billy Querrey**, Tallulah, treasurer. Directors are (standing, from left) **Boyd Walker**, Lake Charles; **Ronald Dobson**, Campiti; **Dale Smith**, Jennings; **B.L. Bickham**, Shreveport; **Robert Warren**, Amite; **Chris Roussel**, Paulina; **Drew Hall**, Greenwell Springs; **Dale Hoover**, Clinton; **Ronnie Holloway**, Tallulah; **Charles Williams**, Jena; and **Dave Means III**, Gloster.

**▶ Michigan Angus Ass'n Annual Banquet, Lansing, March 10**



▶ Elected to serve the Michigan Angus Auxiliary are (from left) **Barb Sweeney**, Mason; **Lois Foster**, Niles; **Janel Horrocks-Boehmer**, Williamston; **Nancy Thelen**, Saline; **Marion Maurer**, Olivet; **Victoria Meiburg**, North Branch; **Darlene Conley**, Charlotte; and **Kris Boehmer**, Olivet.



▶ Elected to the Michigan Angus Ass'n board of directors are (front row, from left) **Doug Meiburg**, North Branch; **Bruce Foster**, Niles; **David Hawkins**, East Lansing; **Earl Boehmer**, Olivet; (standing, from left) **Rob Chapman**, Bellevue; **Joe Merriman**, Lowell; **Charles Preston**, Prescott; **Chuck Reid**, Eaton Rapids; **David Lutchka**, Grass Lake; **Phil Tuggle**, Ithaca; **Steven Thelen**, Saline; and **Amanda Powell**, Ionia.

**▶ Ike's granddaughter shares history with retired officers ass'n**



▶ Mary Eisenhower, CEO of People to People Int'l, Kansas City, Mo., addressed The Retired Officers Ass'n (TROA). She is the granddaughter of President Dwight D. "Ike" Eisenhower, who had an Angus herd at his farm near Gettysburg, Pa. Pictured (from left) are Colonel **John Riffle**, Pleasant Hill, Mo., vice president of the TROA Heart of America Chapter in Kansas City, Mo.; **Mary Eisenhower**; and **Jean Riffle**, president of the TROA.

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**Hormel Foods Corp.** and **Cargill Inc.** announced that Hormel Foods and Excel Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cargill, have signed a letter of intent to form a joint venture to market nationally branded, fresh, case-ready beef and pork under the existing *Hormel® Always Tender®* brand name to U.S. retailers. The joint venture, named Precept Foods LLC, will be based in Austin, Minn.

**Late-breaking news ... Belle Point, Stevenson purchase registration No. 14,000,000**

The American Angus Association offered

registration No. 14,000,000 at public auction on April 21 in Reno, Nev., before the selection of the grand champion female at the 2002 National Angus Futurity (WNAF) Super Point Roll of Victory (ROV) Show. All proceeds of the auction benefited the Angus Foundation.

Belle Point Ranch, Lavaca, Ark., and Stevenson Angus Ranch, Hobson, Mont., purchased the registration number for Stevenson Salute, a January 2001 son of Rock'n D Ambush 1531. They purchased the number for \$10,600.

"The Angus Foundation is grateful for the generosity of the McMahon and Stevenson families," says James Fisher, director of activities and junior activities for the

Association. "Because of their support and others like them, the Angus Foundation is better able to enhance the future of the Angus breed. The Angus Foundation provides educational, leadership and scholarship opportunities for junior Angus members."

The Angus Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that was established in 1980 to benefit youth, education and research in the Angus breed. For more information about the Angus Foundation, logon to [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

Coverage of the 2002 National Angus Show held at the WNAF will be in the July *Angus Journal*. Visit real-time coverage of the event at [www.angusjournal.com/reno](http://www.angusjournal.com/reno).

